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CLEAR WARNING BY THE ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE GENERAL POLITICAL OUTLOOK IN EUROPE, DESPITE THE PUZZLE OF ITALIAN INTENTIONS, IS NEITHER BETTER NOR WORSE, IN THE OPINION OF DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS IN PARIS.

In all reviews of the latest developments, the main fact stressed is that the attitude of the "two big European neutrals," Italy and Russia, remains the determining factor of the Allied diplomacy.

Although some anxiety prevails both in London and Paris as to the Italian attitude, the latest indications are believed to show that Rome fully realises that the Allies would never condone military action by Italy.

France and Britain, it is stated, have given Italy clear warning that any recourse to force would automatically unleash Allied counter-measures.

Simultaneously, both Paris and London have expressed a desire to come to an understanding with Rome, as partly shown in M. Seyss-Inquart's speech which was unanimously approved by the Chamber of Deputies.

Camouflage

The latest outcome of the Italian Fascist and Mussolini's message to Herr Hitler, in which he said that victory was even more desireable than a Fascist race and party to com-

pensate for the failure of the Italians to fight on the German side.

As to Russia, the main factor at the moment is the announcement that exploratory Russo-British trade talks are to begin, though there is no strong conviction that tangible results will be achieved. The British attitude is that Britain does not wish to hamper Soviet trade and merely seeks to stop Russian supplies to Germany.—Havas.

Lybia Fear Lifted

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

Press reports from Cairo state that leaders of Egyptian opinion are closely following the Italian press campaign against the Allies.

Anxiety was felt as regards possible Italian action from Lybia, but it is now considered that the Italian press merely aims at giving satisfaction to the Reich.—Havas.

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The flooding system is based upon the most modern Belgian waterway, the Albert Canal, into which numerous other canals flow.

King Leopold recently made a long personal tour of inspection of the latest works.—Havas.

POLICE RAIDS IN STOCKHOLM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Extensive police raids were carried out yesterday on the premises of extremist organisations, notably the Nazi Party's headquarters.

A large quantity of pamphlets entitled "Democraties responsible for war in Norway" was seized.

The head of the Swedish Nazi Party, Noren Lindholm, disappeared during the search.—Havas.

SWEDEN INTERNED NAZI PATROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish authorities detained and interned a German patrol of three officers and eight men who lost their way after a skirmish near Björnfeld and crossed into Sweden.—Havas.

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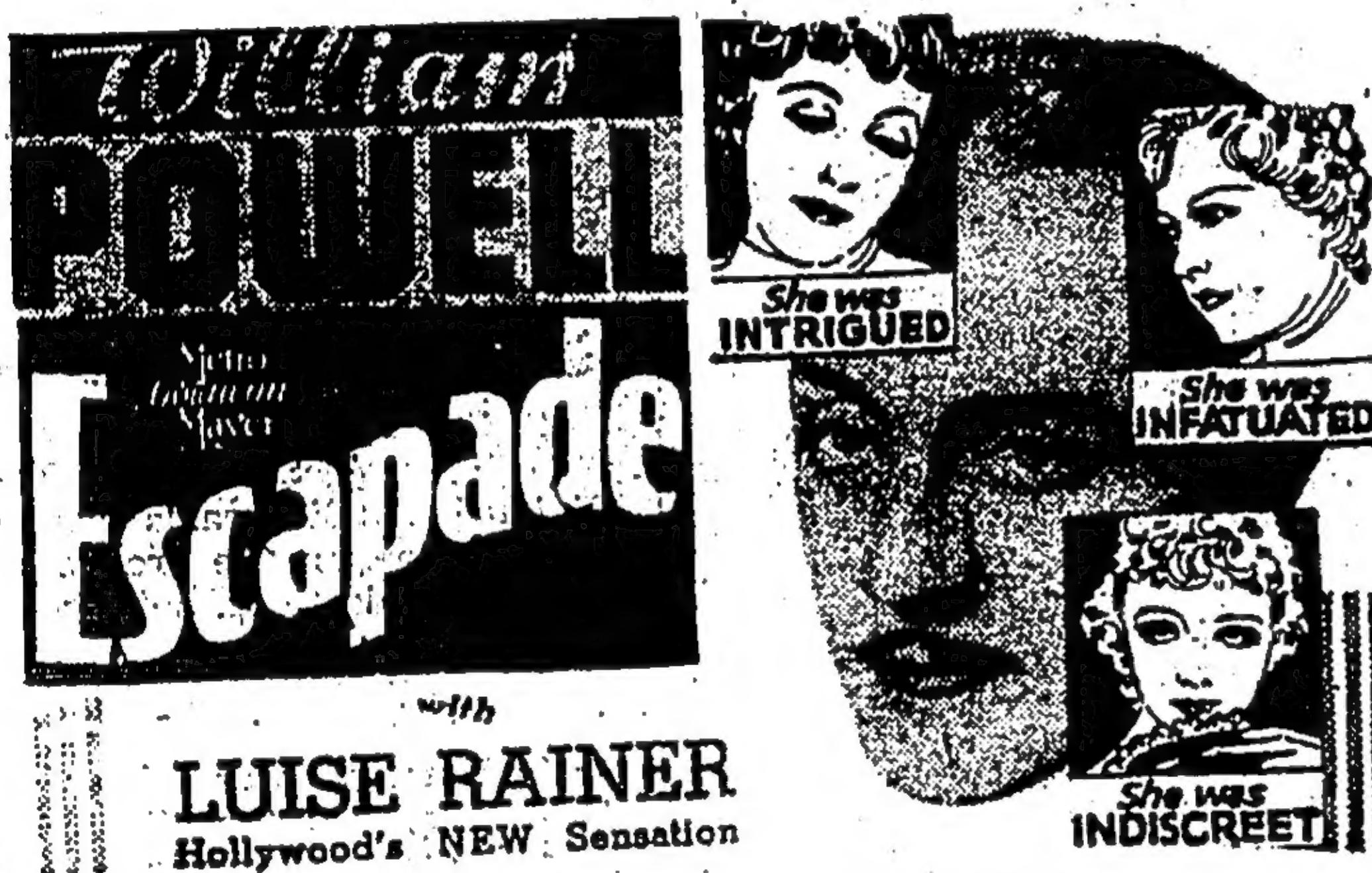
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HITLER, AMATEUR STRATEGIST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"HITLER, THE AMATEUR STRATEGIST" WAS THE
DESCRIPTION APPLIED IN A TALK YESTER-
DAY BY A "NAVAL OBSERVER" OF THE BBC.

The Royal Navy, he said, had been very successful off Norway — quite astonishing so, in fact. Why?

First of all, what was Hitler's object? He wanted to over-run Norway and save the transport of ironore and to get air bases within easy reach of the coast of Britain.

Which, among his possible courses of action was the best for him to adopt? Hitler obviously decided to employ the same tactics that he had used in the past. Dr. Goebbels was probably confident that the propaganda situation in Scandinavia was 100 per cent., and it is likely he had every reason for his confidence, for the British have been slow to realise the value of propaganda.

Admiral Raeder no doubt pointed out the various difficulties attending an action on a country with such a long coast-line, exposed to the enemy.

AN OLD SLOGAN

Hitler probably replied with his old slogan—that the British Navy is an obsolete playing and that it would have little chance of proving effective as Norway would automatically capitulate.

This conflict between the expert and the amateur led to some amazing dispositions of German ships.

The first convoy to Oslo seems to have been well-escorted by naval craft. But then destroyers—of great value in this sort of work and for combating submarines (such as were attacking the transports) were then sent up into Narvik Flord.

Soon afterwards, Renown sighted a battle-cruiser and a cruiser, which only managed to escape in a blinding snow-storm. Were these, too, on the way to Narvik? Presumably they

were; but it was dangerous to send them to be bottled up in a fjord like that, where they were open to attacks by mines, from the air and so on.

A WILD GAMBLE

One could hardly blame the German seamen for being half-hearted. Those who understand naval tactics must have realised they were being made the victims of a wild gamble. They must have appreciated the principle that you must concentrate your forces and not split them up on a wide front when faced with superior odds.

The Naval Observer said that he had talked with an officer of a destroyer which captured a German supply ship, whose master must be familiar to many—for he commanded the famous trans-Atlantic liner Europa.

When taken prisoner and asked his own opinion of what he was trying to do, he shrugged his shoulders and said bitterly:

"Orders are orders."

STILL "OBsolete?"

He admitted that his chances of getting through to Narvik were very remote, but he had to obey orders, and that was that.

Saturday was Hitler's birthday, and two more transports were sunk by the British Navy. The Naval Observer concluded:

"I wonder if Hitler, the Great Amateur Strategist, still insists that the British Navy is an 'obsolete playing'?"—Reuter.

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IN THE COMING WEEK, THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WILL BE LARGELY TAKEN UP WITH THE BUDGET WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED ON TUESDAY FOR THE SECOND TIME SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR BY SIR JOHN SIMON, AND WITH A GENERAL DEBATE ON THE BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.

Perhaps owing to the fact that no detailed Estimates of Service expenditure have been made and so little of the financial position is known, speculation on the Budget has been greatly reduced this year.

It is certain, however, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have to budget for far larger expenditure in 1940-41 than the £1,816,000,000 spent in the past financial year.

Financial experts, in fact, believe that expenditure may well be double last year's figure.

Meeting expenditure on such an astronomic scale, it is universally agreed, will be a task with which no previous Chancellor has been faced. It is pointed out, however, that not more than a fraction of the total expenditure can be met from immediate taxation. The newspaper "Observer" suggests, "in fact only about one-third of the expenditure on the war superimposed on the existing debt charges and normal services will be found out of revenue. The balance will have to be met by further borrowing."

Tax Increases

It is not denied, however, that increased taxation in some directions will be necessary.

In view of the fact that Sir John Simon, when he introduced the supplementary budget in the Autumn announced not only the rate of Income Tax immediately to be levied but also that for the present financial year, it felt in City there is no likelihood that the already very high level of income tax will be further raised. Surtax also is considered to have reached a level hardly possible to increase.

Tobacco and beer are picked upon by the Budget speculators as the two commodities most likely to suffer further tax increases.

It is considered almost certain that postage rates will also be raised. It will be recalled that letter post was raised to twopence during the last war. — British Wireless.

DUTCH INTERESTS PROTECTED

The Hague, Yesterday. To protect Dutch interests in regard to payments as between the Netherlands and Norway and Denmark, clearing arrangements have been established for the settlement of Dutch debts to creditors in Norway and Denmark.

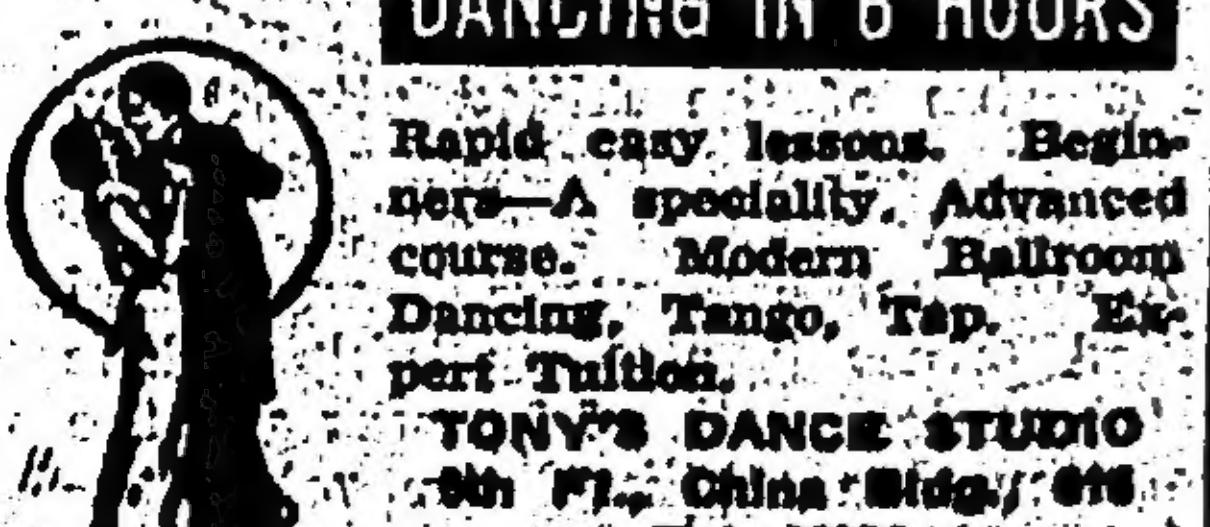
This will apply for the purchase of goods or any other obligations. — Reuter.

A dog belonging to Mrs. Stewart, of No. 93, Waterloo Road, was removed to Mautaukok for observation, after it had bitten a Chinese, Cheuk Sun, yesterday.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST KING HAAKON

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A GERMAN BROADCAST TO SOUTH AFRICA LAST THURSDAY PROVIDES A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE UNSCRUPULOUS DECEIT OF THE NAZI PROPAGANDA MACHINE.

South African listeners were regaled with what purported to be a letter written by Haile Selassie, exiled King of Abyssinia, to King Haakon of Norway, rebuking Norway for resisting the Germans and saying that King Haakon himself was a vassal of England.

The real truth was revealed in another German broadcast subsequently in another language. This time it appeared that the letter had appeared in the Italian newspaper "Il Regime Fascista."

Haile Selassie was not even mentioned.

It is obvious that the German broadcast was part of the campaign now being waged by Goebels' propaganda machine against King Haakon.—Reuter.

TRANSPORT PARLEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, Yesterday. Transport authorities in Japan, Manchukuo and occupied China are to confer shortly with the aim of unifying their transport system, expanding the transport capacities of connecting lines and shortening travelling times. These measures will be enforced on August 1.

The conference will also be attended by the Governors-General of Korea and Formosa.—Reuter.

GERMAN BUSINESS EFFORTS IN TIENSIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, Yesterday. The vernacular "Tenshin Nippo" reports that several German commercial firms in Tientsin have decided to develop trade relations with Mengkiang, in order to transport raw material from Inner Mongolia to Germany via the Trans-Siberian Railway.

The paper adds a conference was recently held on the subject, representatives of various organisations concerned in the scheme including the Federal Reserve Bank, the Bank of Mengkiang and the Japanese consulate here.—Reuter.

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GRAVE RIOTING IN RANGOON

Rangoon, To-day. Eleven were killed and 60 injured yesterday in a serious outbreak of communal disturbances.

The trouble began on the eve of celebrations in honour of The Prophet's birthday.

Troops and police were called out to restore order after six people had been stabbed to death.

Yesterday, the police fired on a mob of Hindus and Moslems in the street. One person died as a result of a gunshot wound.

Sporadic assaults occurred throughout the day.—Reuter.

OIL LACKING IN OSLO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
OSLO, TO-DAY.

AMONG OTHER COMMODITIES, OIL IS BADLY LACKING IN GERMAN-OCCUPIED NORWAY.

The "Oslo Administratieve Committee" has now issued instructions forbidding the wastage of used oils from cars and motorcycles and all engines.

Used oil will be subjected to a refining process.

Nobody in Oslo is allowed to withdraw more than four hundred kroners monthly from his bank account. The kroner is about the equivalent of the Hong Kong dollar. — Havas.

RUMANIAN ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Bucharest, To-day.

No belligerent merchant ship is now allowed in Rumanian territorial waters if they carry for protection more than two three to five-inch guns, an official announcement declares.

All munition aboard will be placed under seal during the ships stay in Rumanian harbours and vessels wishing to sail up the Danube will be previously disarmed.—Havas.

OFF THE RECORD



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Picture taken by the R.A.F. near Christiansand. A large merchantman with hatches open. A Norwegian cross can be seen painted on the deck behind the bridge structure. This would suggest a deliberate attempt to represent to British aviators that this was a Norwegian vessel, not, as was evidently the case, carrying Nazi stores, etc. Also two smaller craft can be seen. There are many ice floes along the coast. (Copyright, By Air Mail).

CRACK CHASSEUR REGIMENTS NOW IN NORWAY

TRONDHEIM EMPTYING

Stockholm, To-day.

In the past few days, half of Trondheim's 70,000 inhabitants have evacuated to the hills outside the town.

Round Narvik, German forces are said to be virtually trapped.

A constant stream of German planes have been seen flying towards Narvik. It is believed that they are taking provisions rather than troops as food is very short there. — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

ADMITTING FOR THE first time the landing of French forces in Norway, Italian military correspondents in Scandinavia are now freely forecasting that the war in the North "will be long and difficult."

According to these correspondents, the Allies have landed at three places, in addition to Narvik, namely, Namsos, Molde (south of Christiansand) which threatens Trondheim from the south, and was presumably the starting off point for the force which was sent by rail to southern Norway, and Laerdal, deep in the Sogne Fjord, and menacing the Oslo-Bergen Railway.

The Allied forces in Namsos alone, are estimated by the Italian correspondents at two British divisions and one French.

The French division is composed of crack Chasseur Alpins regiments.

The correspondents who note the danger to the German forces isolated at Trondheim, predict that in addition to the threat from Namsos and Molde, Colonel Weiss is anticipating a further Allied landing at Orkadal, 38 kilometres south of Trondheim. The Germans are believed to be engaged in erecting defences there.—Havas.

"Methodical Plan"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Although Allied troops are continuing to pour into Norway without, so far, the loss of a single man, troop transport or supply ship between enemy naval or air action, military quarters in Paris are naturally in very anxious.

Among Trondheim, a place of great

campaign is being methodically applied, they admit.

Between the Glommen River and the Helling Valley the Norwegians are withdrawing to new positions under the pressure of two German Divisions amply supplied with the most modern war material.—Havas.

Increasing Difficulties

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. The position of the German forces in Norway is becoming increasingly difficult despite local success, according to reports from Swedish war correspondents.

The Germans at Trondheim are apprehensive of the Allied attack now pending, and the civilian population has been warned to evacuate.

A stiff battle between German and Allied forces in Dombas, a mining place in the eastern end of Namsos, where the Germans are attacking the Allies.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN PARLEYS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Considerable importance is attached by the press to the conversations between the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to Great Britain, and the possible resumption in the near future of Russo-British trade parleys.

In a comment, which summarises the attitude of most of the papers, the Sunday Times' Diplomatic Correspondent writes, "while Britain is ready to discuss trade relations with the Soviet an agreement cannot be contemplated which would leave a substantial amount of supplies to reach Germany through Russia."

"The announcement of improvement in Russo-Yugoslav relations should also be greeted favourably as it may pave the way to better relations between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria which is at present Russia's best friend in the Balkans."—Havas.

SEEMS TO BELIEVE GERMANY WILL WIN

Rome, To-day.

Signor Ansaldi, director of Count Ciano's newspaper, "Telegrafo," who last week warned that Italy's intervention in the war might be nearer than it seemed a month ago, yesterday delivered another broadcast to the Italian Army.

He said he had nothing to add to or withdraw from his last Sunday's speech and added:

"The losers in this war will become as slaves earning only enough to eke out a bare existence while the victors will consider themselves masters of all and will seek to acquire world domination."

He concluded: "The only sure guarantee that Italy will not be dragged down was in the strength of her arms."—Reuter.

SWEDISH PRECAUTION

Stockholm, To-day.

Fresh precautionary measures were announced yesterday. The Government asked Parliament to enforce the laws concerning compulsory labour service which are originally passed for use in emergency.

It also requested a credit for 65 million kroner for artillery material.

"Nazi Fifth Column activity" is revealed by the "Social Demokraten" which asserts: The "Cubo" organisation, which pretends to be a sports and physical culture association, actually exists to spread Nazi doctrines among Swedish youth.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE DECISION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

The Argentine Government has decided not to impose fines on Norwegian and Danish ships whose freights, by reason of present circumstances, are not covered by regular bills of lading and consular visas.—Havas.

"FOR THE GREATNESS OF ITALY"

Rome, To-day.

Signor Mussolini yesterday made a brief reference to the political tension in connection with the Foundation of Rome and Labour Day.

He said: "I have only one word to say, work and arm for the greatness of the nation. That is the watchword for the whole Italian people." — Reuter.

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Importance To Allies Of Nazi Setback In The Scandinavian War

London, To-day.

TWO PHASES OF THE "WAR in the North" were dealt with by British papers.

The "Spectator" says that neutrals are likely to be convinced only by military success. Every neutral, even Italy — apart from some of the Fascist leaders — desires an Allied victory, so that the immediate result of a serious set-back of Hitler in Scandinavia would be a pronounced swing to the Allied side.

Allied troops, therefore, must be poured into Norway until they outnumber any German troops which can be sent there by sea or air.

The Catholic paper "Tablet" partly supports this view, but adds the warning against any clamouring for more ships to be sent to the Skager Rak and more forces landed in Norway.

GIGANTIC DIVERSION?

The paper points out that the Allied general staffs must consider the possibility that the German invasion may be intended merely as a gigantic diversion.

The Norwegian venture may be merely a feint and the real thrust may be through Holland, Switzerland or Belgium.

While, therefore, the Allies must take advantage of the Germans' strategic weakness in Norway, they must be fully prepared for the real theatre of the war being carried elsewhere at a moment's notice.—Reuter.

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIP HITS MINE

Stockholm, To-day.

The German merchant ship, Jürgen Fritzen, of 4,465 tons, sank yesterday near Landsort, south of Stockholm.

The crew of about thirty was saved. The vessel was bound from Stettin to Stockholm with a cargo of coal.—Reuter.

TORONTO SCOTTISH MOUNT GUARD

London, To-day.

Large crowds watched the Toronto Scottish take over from the French Canadians during the changing of the guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

THE OLYMPIAD OFF

Helsinki, To-day.

Finland will not hold the 1940 Olympiad according to Erik Frenckell, the Finnish member of the International Olympic Committee.—Reuter.

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STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN AND THE LEGATION STAFF HAVE ARRIVED AT MALMO, SWEDEN. AT THE SAME TIME, 450 SWedes WHO HAD BEEN LIVING IN DENMARK ALSO ARRIVED.

The evacuees from Denmark reported that the entire economic life of Denmark is now in German hands.

Every day brings new restrictions, and large numbers of Danish workers are now unemployed.

All public meetings are banned, newspapers are allowed to print German news only, and listening to foreign broadcasts is forbidden.—Havas.

U.S. NAVAL SUGGESTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

The creation of a Pan-American Navy for the defence of the Western hemisphere is advocated by the "New York Herald-Tribune."

The Central and South American States should participate in the common enterprise, in which their main part would be to provide naval bases, while the United States would furnish ships necessary for common protection.

Concluding the paper emphasised that "the United States must have a navy strong enough for defending the whole of the Western hemisphere and would be perfectly justified in building the world's most powerful fighting fleet."—Havas.

TAKING NO CHANCES

Washington, To-day.

The Federal Reserve Board reveals that European citizens have invested over \$1,000,000,000 in the United States under names of other persons for fear that invaders of their countries may seize their wealth.

The owners' nationality is difficult to trace but officials opine that a large proportion came from Germany and from citizens of countries bordering the Reich.—Reuter.

ARTILLERY ACTION ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

The official communiqué states that there was artillery action yesterday in the neighbourhood of the Aisne.—Reuter.

DEMOCRACY'S WAR AIM

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy-Leader of the Opposition, speaking at Wakefield, Yorke, said that the war would end when there was positive proof that aggression had become an evil of the past.

"In my opinion," he said, "defeat is unthinkable. What is at stake is so precious and so fundamental that the democratic movement of Britain, nurtured as it has been in a struggle for the freedom of the people, will continue to throw all its faith, all its determination, and all its power into this final struggle for the overthrow of the rule of threat and the maledict fist."

CHINESE SUCCESSES

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese successes on Central China fronts during the week-end are reported in military despatches.

Anyi, the third most important north Kiangsi town outside Nanchang, was re-taken by the Chinese yesterday afternoon. The other two towns, Tsingan and Fenghsin, returned to Chinese hands recently.

On the north Hunan front, Chinese forces completely disrupted Japanese communications. Three miles of rails were torn up by guerillas.

East of Yoyang, the Japanese drive southward from Tsungyang has failed. After losing several hundred men, the invaders are retreating to Tsungyang.

Little activity is reported from Kwangsi. Japanese sappers are engaged throwing pontoons across the Watkiang River east of Nanning.—Central News.

HITLER'S UPSET FOR COUNTRY

Amsterdam, To-day.

It is learned from Berlin that many Germans who had expected the announcement of some great military or naval success to mark Hitler's birthday are feeling disappointed.

The absence of such a victory has impressed the people with the fact that the operations in Scandinavia are not going quite as well as was obviously expected at the beginning, while the belated official admission that the British Expeditionary Force has indeed landed and is in action has convinced the people that Norway is not going to be a three weeks' campaign like Poland.

Business men in Berlin are saying that Germany is farther from ensuring her iron ore supply than before the operations started.

Housewives, however, hope that butter and egg rations will be increased following the domination of Denmark although hitherto there is no sign of any such relaxation of the stringent rationing system.—Reuter.

FRENCH BATTLESHIPS RUSHED AHEAD

Paris, To-day.

Emphasising the successful speed-up in naval construction, M. Campini, French Naval Minister, interviewed by "Le Journal" said: "The two 35,000-ton battleships, "Richelieu" and "Jean Bart," will be ready for service shortly.

"We have gained 10 months on the normal construction time on the "Jean Bart," and the two sister ships, "Clemenceau" and "Gascoigne" are forging ahead rapidly."—Reuter.

FALSE PRETENCES CONVICTION

Three Chinese were sentenced to 12 weeks' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for obtaining money, by false pretences.

Accused, Lau Chi-kwong, 33, Wong Ying, 38, and Cheung Choi, 36, were alleged to have obtained a sum of \$5 from Yip Yuen-leung by pretending that they were collecting funds on behalf of Refugees' School.

Detective-Sergeant McVey said that defendant were formerly employed by the School funds. Dismissed a few months ago, they started to collect on behalf of themselves.

THROUGH MINEFIELD TO GOTEBURG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The first Swedish ship to cross the Allied and German minefields has arrived in Goteburg after a voyage from England lasting 17 days.

These is a channel through the British minefield to Goteburg.—Havas.

IRON BAR TRAGEDY

The body of Cheng Ming-sum was found outside No. 222, Hollywood Road, yesterday. It is believed that Cheng was fatally injured when some iron bars fell on his head from the third floor of that address.

KILLED BY COAL

Mok Kau, 40, coolie, succumbed this morning in the Queen Mary Hospital to serious injuries received when a quantity of coal fell on him on board a ship in the harbour yesterday.

SWITZERLAND WARNS OF DETERMINATION

"WE ARE FREE AND WE SHALL REMAIN FREE!" said the Commander-in-Chief of the Swiss Army yesterday. Switzerland intends to remain master in her own house. For that, no sacrifice would be too great. Switzerland, he went on, is faced with danger from three fronts.

Firstly, there is the external danger of sabotage, propaganda or the spreading of false news.

Secondly, there is the danger from those among the Swiss people who do not always understand the gravity of the situation and the need for sacrifice.—Reuter.

Berne, To-day.

AALBORG AIR RAID

R.A.F. Takes Germans Completely by Surprise Three Big Fires Started By Bombers

LONDON, To-day.

THREE FIRES WERE STARTED IN THE HANGARS AT THE PANISH AIRPORT AT AALBORG, NOW OCCUPIED BY THE GERMAN AIR FORCE, IT IS LEARNED FROM AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES IN LONDON.

It was the first British raid on the air base used by the Germans for their operations in Norway and it took the Germans completely by surprise.

DUTCH PRECAUTIONS

NAZIS SAY NOTHING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, To-day. NO RESPONSE WHATSOEVER HAS YET BEEN NOTED IN BERLIN, EITHER REGARDING THE PRE-CAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN ON THE DUTCH BORDER OR THE DRASIC ACTION TAKEN TO CURB SEDITIOUS ELEMENTS IN HOLLAND.

German silence is somewhat puzzling as the Nazi Party is directly concerned in the Dutch police measures.

Meanwhile, Dutch press correspondents in Berlin report that recent events in Holland are not even mentioned in German papers.—Havas.

DANISH HOPES DISAPPOINTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. According to the Swedish evacuees from Denmark, who are now in Malmö, the hopes of the Danes that German control would not extend beyond the military sphere have been entirely disappointed.

The list of Danish unemployed is increasing, since all production is now being adapted to the needs of the invaders.

The reduction in the consumption of oil and the rationing of food-stuffs are growing more severe each day.—Havas.

ITALIAN "GUILD" SYSTEM

A Havas message states that Signor Mussolini, in his speech from the balcony of his palace to a delegation of members of the Fascist Confederation yesterday, stressed that Italian economics are based upon the "guild system" and therefore enables all the creative forces of Italy to build up Italian military and economic power.

JOHANNESBURG CHINESE DONATION

Shanghai, To-day. Mr. Liu Fou-hsien, 75-year-old Chinese resident of Johannesburg, has contributed £900 to the Chinese National Government, states the "Sin Wan Pao."

Liu is a native of Melihien, Kwangtung, and has lived in South Africa for over 40 years.—Reuter.

The British aircraft approached singly and the first to reach the target area found the aerodrome marked with full-night-flying illuminations.

A large German troops air transport coming in to land with its navigation lights on found itself suddenly assailed by machine-gun fire from a British bomber and escaped into the clouds to avoid being shot down.

Flying at low height above the aerodrome, the British bomber then released a salvo of high explosive bombs which damaged the main hangar.

SUCCESSIVE WAVES

The following British aircraft peppered the ground defences, but they were met with heavy anti-aircraft and machinegun fire.

Successive attacks were made on the aerodrome at varying heights, and after one attack from low level, three fires were seen to break out.

The latest R.A.F. Raid on Stavanger was carried out by a number of aircraft which attacked singly and in quick succession.

Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, all the British aircraft engaged in the raid returned safely to their base.

WELL DEFENDED

At Christiansand, south Norway, anti-aircraft fire was encountered from light gun batteries sited round the aerodrome. Guns mounted on the hills surrounding the aerodrome also opened heavy fire on the British aircraft but the only damage suffered was the loss of one trailing aerial.—Reuter.

Incendiary Bombs

Further details of the raid on Christiansand state that about forty or fifty German aircraft were drawn up on the two sides of the aerodrome, and one enemy machine was seen to be taking off along the runway as the British aircraft approached.

Numerous high explosive bombs were dropped, principally along the runway.

Incendiary bombs started a strong fire on the south side of the aerodrome near a number of aircraft.

The raid was rounded off by two British aircraft which carried out a low machinegun attack on the aerodrome hangars and buildings.—Reuter.

Strategical Importance

Havas says that the strategical importance of the British raid on Christiansand is emphasised by experts, who point out that the aerodrome, at the most southerly point in Norway, is the logical landing point for troop reinforcements brought by air.

The British bombers left huge craters across the runway.

HUNGARIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day. Hungary has showed complete understanding of Belgrade's plans for Danubian co-operation, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister told the press before leaving Budapest after a three-day visit.

Mr. Markovich's conversations dealt with all aspects of the present political situation.—Havas.

BLACK DAY FOR NAZI FIGHTERS

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that eight British fighters yesterday morning encountered 12 Messerschmidt 109's in the neighbourhood of Saarlautern.

Our fighters attacked and two enemy machines were shot down and were seen to crash in German territory. A third Messerschmidt was dived down apparently out of control.

During the afternoon, in an engagement with a strong formation of enemy fighters, another British patrol shot down one Messerschmidt 109 and one Messerschmidt 110 both of which fell in French territory.

Another 109 is believed to have been destroyed. One of our pilots was slightly wounded during the first action but made a successful forced landing.

All our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

ITALIANS INFURIATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day. The Fascist press is infuriated at the decision of French authorities in Tunis to forbid an annual display of gymnastics by Italian schools yesterday, the anniversary of the foundation of Rome.

The French authorities' decision was due to the need for maintaining public order.—Havas.

MYSTERY OF NAZI OPERATIONS IN NORWAY SOLVED

Washington, To-day.

ONE OF THE GREAT military mysteries of the German campaign in Southern Norway—how they transported troops through the country quickly—has been cleared up here.

The Germans seized 400 American lorries, valued at \$350,000 at Bergen.

This report, received by a reliable diplomatic source in Washington, seems to clear up an enigma which has been puzzling military observers ever since the invasion of Norway started.

Military observers were puzzled at the speed with which the German troops were taken through southern Norway. Where and how did the Germans obtain the heavy motorised units required for this?

It now appears that an entire shipment of 400 lorries, made in Detroit for military use in Finland, was seized and driven from Bergen by the Germans on the first day of the invasion.

The lorries were ordered by Finland before the armistice with Soviet Russia; they were bound for Helsinki for work in connection with defence preparations and reconstruction.

They were shipped from New York and reached Bergen just two days before the Nazi invasion started. It was intended to drive them overland to Helsinki.—Reuter.

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SALE OF SWEDISH MAPS FORBIDDEN

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Stockholm, To-day. The authorities have now issued an order prohibiting the sale of any maps of Sweden without the special permission of the military authorities.—Havas.

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Heartrending reports of conditions in the German-occupied territories continue to reach this country. Although nothing more has been heard of the transfer of Czech citizens to the U.S.S.R., a general scheme for the mobilisation of Czech labour is in existence whereby the workmen are transported to the Reich and there employed on public works under conditions which are indistinguishable from those of slavery. Within a few weeks the "Protectorate" of Bohemia-Moravia is to be included in the German Customs frontier, with the deliberate intention of intensifying its exploitation. In Poland the policy of transfer of population has gone much further. Here it is not a question of moving an industrial proletariat from one set of occupations to another. The attack on Poland is launched against the mainstay of independent Polish life, the Polish peasant. The peasants' resistance is rooted in the soil. To break it the Germans are transferring thousands upon thousands of Polish countrypeople from their ancestral lands in the provinces "beyond the Vistula" to the overcrowded districts of Central Poland, while in the East another vast transfer is to empty German-occupied Poland of its White Russians and Ruthenians. About 600,000 are to be sent to Volhynia. German emigrants are moving into the land vacated by its Polish owners. Balts, Sudetens, Austrians and Germans from the Old Reich are being established along an artificial frontier, fixed within 50 miles of Warsaw, thus in *ur-polnisch* territory. So far there are not enough Germans to fill the whole area which is to be emptied of Poles. It is, therefore, all the more important to create a frontier behind which the Nazis hope in time to establish a peasantry of purely German stock. In the meantime, the fate of the Poles in Central Poland beggars description. The Germans point to

A BAD DEAL

The agreement which the Government has made with the railway companies assuredly needs much more convincing explanation than it received in the course of the debate in the House.

Under the agreement, the main-line railways have been allowed to ignore the relatively bad year 1938 in computing their basic profits, and have thus been allowed more than £7 millions above their 1938 revenue as a guaranteed profit under war conditions. If profits actually exceed this basic sum, the companies are to retain the next £3,500,000 earned, and are thereafter to get 50 per cent. of any further profits up to a total of £68,500,000. Only above this very high level

does the State take the excess. As the railways are for the war period practically relieved from road competition and indeed assured of a curtailment of road services, there appears to be every prospect of a handsome war bonus accruing to the shareholders. The appreciation of railway stocks is sufficient evidence that this is the view taken in the City; and one of the things left unexplained is how the views of the coming agreement were allowed to leak out in advance, so as to present speculators with large illegitimate profits based on private information of the coming deal. This is nearly the first case in which the curtain has been lifted on the financial transactions of the Government and big capital interests. — "New Statesman and Nation."

SACRIFICES FOR FREEDOM

Those of us who are making plans for this great expansion of industry know that the sacrifices we are asking for are for the purpose of saving our lives, our freedom, and the freedom of the world. We cannot afford to discuss these matters as if we were in peace conditions. Soon we may realize that much more clearly. We are opposed to a bitter and ruthless enemy who has forced his people over many years into the preparations for war. We can save ourselves only by meeting physical and material force with greater force and facing the rulers of spiritual wickedness in high places with the triumphant moral and spiritual forces which free men and nations can always command. It is the men and women of this country, giving their willing services, who can help us to provide the means by which our gallant fellow-countrymen in the Forces can go forward confidently to victory with our Allies. — Mr. Ernest Brown.

looks on, powerless, at this manufacture of mass misery on a scale unsurpassed since the day of Tammerlane. Nevertheless, Hitler, by the very brutality of his methods, is creating precedents which, used with discretion, may solve a host of European problems once an Allied victory has been secured. Not all exchanges of population are harmful. The present harmony between Greece and Turkey is largely due to the transfers effected by the Nansen Office between 1922 and 1930. At present only the German peoples stand to gain by the process of mass migration. It is possible to conceive a system whereby the appalling methods and the unfair incidence of the German experiments would be avoided, but equally large-scale results achieved. — "The Economist."

BRITISH TROOPS RETAKE HAMAR

Electrifying Appearance In Southern Norway

CIRCUMSTANTIAL REPORTS AGREE THAT BRITISH TROOPS HAVE MADE AN ELECTRIFYING APPEARANCE IN SOUTHERN NORWAY AND ARE OCCUPYING FRONT LINE POSITIONS IN THE ELVERUM-HAMAR SECTOR.

An unconfirmed report reaching Stockholm states that the British forces have recaptured Hamar, which fell to German attack on Friday.

The reports of the recapture of Hamar are given with reserve, but they follow a Norwegian official announcement that British troops are in the line.

The troops are equipped with tanks and other heavy armament and are reported to have come partly by rail and partly by road.

Colonel Weiss, the German commander at Trondheim, is reported to be making hurried preparations to meet Allied attacks from north and south, in a gigantic pincer movement.

Namsos Fighting

Fighting is also reported to have occurred at Namsos, between the German and Allied forces. It is understood that the Germans dropped a number of troops by parachute. This difficult operation is believed to have been undertaken because the Germans failed to obtain possession of Grong, 25 miles east of Namsos, the failure rendering railway transport impossible.

The correspondent of "Svenska Dagbladet" says that the Norwegians still hold Hegra Fort, having refused a German effort to open a parley on the subject of surrender.—Reuter.

The official German news agency had earlier claimed that German troops, advancing rapidly from the south, had occupied Lillehammer, about 30 miles north of Hamar.—Reuter.

War Office Statement

London, To-day.
A War Office Communiqué states: "Operations in Norway are continuing. British troops are operating in conjunction with the Norwegian forces." — Reuter.

Official Announcement

London, To-day.
British troops are now in action in the eastern section of Norway, officially announces the Norwegian High Command in a communiqué, which goes on to say that the Norwegians have taken up new defence positions and advance units are maintaining contact with the enemy.—Reuter.

Norwegian Communiqué

Stockholm, To-day.
An official Norwegian communiqué states: "On April 20, the Germans attacked our posts on both sides of Majoesa.

"Our troops maintained their positions.

"German planes bombed Dillesamere and several other places including Andalsnes Harbour.

"Many German planes passed north to the district around Trondheim." — Reuter.

Fighting Near Namsos

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
Unconfirmed reports from Stockholm said that British troops are fighting the Germans near Namsos and at Grong, which is about 25 miles away.

Meanwhile, Sweden is working hard at her anti-aircraft defences, and is now reported to be ready to defend herself against aggression.—Havas.

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE MADE AN ELECTRIFYING APPEARANCE IN SOUTHERN NORWAY AND ARE OCCUPYING FRONT LINE POSITIONS IN THE ELVERUM-HAMAR SECTOR.

FOREIGN PLANES OVER BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.
A communiqué was issued stating that foreign planes flew over Belgian territory on Saturday and yesterday morning, and says that several were recognised as German while two were identified as British machines.

The A.A. defences took vigorous action and protests will be made in London and Berlin.—Reuter.

HEGRA FORT HOLDS OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Manned by only 100 men, the Hegra Fortress on the banks of the Oslo Fjord, is still holding out despite desperate German attempts to occupy it.

Swedish observers point out the Hegras defence as one of the most astonishing feats of the war; peaceful Norway had only one watchman for taking care of the fortress.

As soon as the German invasion began, a small unit of Norwegian artillery occupied the fort and inflicted severe damage to several ships sailing up the Fjord.

At present the fort's guns prove extremely bothersome to the Germans as they command the Vaernes air port which is one of the few good landing bases in the mountainous country around Oslo.—Havas.

GERMAN AIR RAID IN NAMSOS

London, Yesterday.

The German Air Force carried out a sustained raid on the British military base at Namsos, north of Trondheim, on Saturday.

The effect from the military standpoint was nil though the town was damaged.

The official communiqué, which provides the only information on the raid available thus far, states:

"There was considerable air activity at Namsos on Saturday.

"Many bombs were dropped.

"Extensive damage was done to the town, but the only Allied loss was one British trawler sunk.

"There were no casualties to Allied troops." — Reuter.



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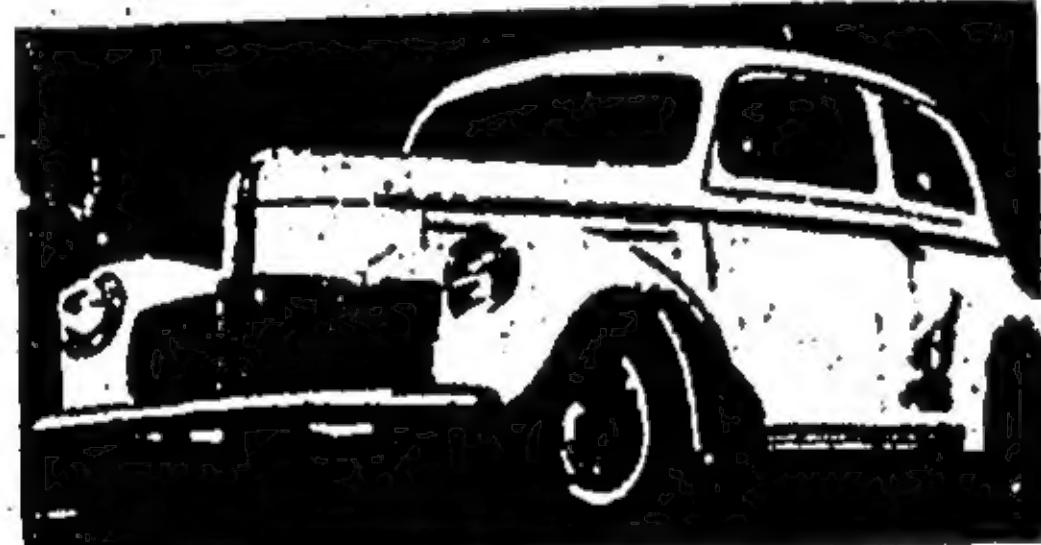
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THE WAR AND ITALY

The Economic Dilemma

When the war came in spite of Mussolini's efforts to maintain peace, the first feeling in Italy was one of relief that the country had been able to stay out. Then the Italians began to look for business opportunities, hoping that as neutrals they could sell goods and services to the belligerents and also take away export markets which the countries at war could no longer supply. The shares of certain heavy industries went up 30 or 40 per cent. The country, which had been on the brink of bankruptcy, dreamed of profits which would enable it to restock raw materials, stimulate the gold reserves and also carry through its own rearment. In this latter field, the army needs modern artillery and tanks, while the air arm had to put new types into production if it was not to become outmoded.

Accordingly, when Mussolini and Ciano "changed the guard," they lopped off the head of Guarneri who had been the Minister in charge of foreign exchange. Guarneri had been told to hold Italy's dwindling gold reserves at any price, and as a man of probity and character nobody got around him. He carried out his orders literally. Italian industrialists loathed him for his hardboiled attitude, which kept them short of raw materials and, when the war came, Mussolini discovered that Guarneri had been so hardboiled that neither the air corps nor the army has any gasoline stocked. Guarneri would not even release gold or dollars for any of the armed services except the navy. Guarneri was replaced by Riccardi, who had the confidence of the industrialists and who won their applause by letting up both on gold and on autarchy. Riccardi argued that there was no use to keep gold when war materials were wanted. Accordingly he set out to buy raw materials. But, in many instances, he could not get them at all, and in almost every instance he found the prices too high. It became clear then that the mistake had been made before the war. If Guarneri had bought raw materials instead of holding gold all the summer, Italy would have made a killing. The country's holdings abroad are estimated at about twenty-five million dollars, while the gold reserve is placed between two and three billion liras. Both would have been multiplied several times had they been converted into raw materials before the war.

But when Riccardi tried to buy in the primary markets, he found that Italy was arriving too late. How could Italy place orders for cotton in Egypt or wool in Australia, when Britain was buying the whole markets of both outright? How could Italy compete for purchases in America, when the British and French were already there with tremendous gold reserves and the urgency of war, which would make them outbid any rival buyers? Riccardi's enthusiasm for war materials evaporated into thin air, and the word autarchy found its way back into the newspaper headlines.

After seven months of war, consequently, the Italians have found that the way of the neutrals is a hard way. And they are beginning to fear that a neutral can only make money out of this war, if, like the United States, it has the necessary raw materials already.

The story of services is scarcely more encouraging. Italy has a first class merchant marine, but it is hard to sell or rent ships. When they go under the Italian flag, the danger from mines and submarines makes insurance

By

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rates go high, and profits are wiped out. A smart Milan industrialist placed goods purchased in America on the "Rex" when he was tipped that Sumner Welles would travel on her, and then cancelled his war risks insurance. But Welles cannot ride every Italian ship on the high seas, and for political reasons Rome is unwilling for them to travel in the Allied convoys.

Italy is faced in short with a very disagreeable dilemma. Either the Italians must co-operate with the Allies, or they will be threatened with a shortage of vital raw materials and ultimate bankruptcy. For, in the first place, Italy cannot keep pace if she must bid against the Allies in the world markets and, in the second, Italy cannot maintain herself if she alienates the Allies and forces them to cut down on all seaborne goods coming to Italy through the Mediterranean, whose entrances are controlled by the British and the French.

But Italy is determined—at the moment certainly—to remain independent of the Allies. That means there are not going to be any real profits for the Italians. Goods are still being manufactured for France, but Italy has ruptured the British contracts. That means that the stocks that went up 30 and 40 points are coming down again. That means that nobody is willing yet to extend sizeable credits to Rome. And yet it is a dilemma for Mussolini, because Mussolini and Ciano must ask themselves: if we do lose our independence and gear our economy to that of the Allies, will the Germans not march in against us? These two men know better than most that the way of a neutral is a hard way.

(Another article follows)

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By George McManus

FORGED LETTER TRICK; EIGHTEEN MONTHS' SENTENCE

AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS this morning, Leung Wing was found guilty of demanding money on a forged document and sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr. E. H. Williams, assisted by Det. Sergeant Dowman, conducted the case for the Crown, while defendant was not represented.

The jury was composed of Messrs. E. G. Smith (foreman), A. A. Axevedo, T. Waller, Wong Kwan-yin, Ka Yong-lui, Ramon Kau and Wong Woon Ching.

Complainant lived at No. 97, Lion Rock, with her children, her husband was in Yunnan.

JAPANESE BID FOR N.E.I. TRADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, YESTERDAY. INFLUENTIAL JAVA BUSINESS-MEN DUE HERE SHORTLY WILL RECEIVE A ROUSING WELCOME BY THE TOKYO MUNICIPALITY AND TOKYO BUSINESS QUARTERS WHEN THEY COME HERE TO PROMOTE JAVA-JAPANESE TRADE RELATIONS AND MORE ESPECIALLY TO INTRODUCE JAPANESE PRODUCTS INTO THE DUTCH COLONY.

It is recalled that last July Tokyo City invited an inspection party of 12 influential Chinese traders in order to impress them with the progress of Japanese industries. Result of this visit was an increase in trade between Tokyo and the China markets.

Latest reports reveal that the Dutch Indies markets are over-stocked with European goods mainly due to speculative imports made in expectation of future spreading of the war.

Nevertheless Tokyo experts think they have a good chance of introducing their goods and have invited the inspection party which will probably consist of Dutch and Japanese importers settled in Java, and possibly some Chinese traders as well.—Havas.

NOTEBOOK CLUE

Acting on information in a note book left behind by robbers after ransacking No. 15, Kilung Street, second floor, on Friday morning, Det.-Sgt. McPherson, attached to Shamshui Po Police Station, arrested four men and recovered the whole of the stolen property, to the value of \$2,700 the same night.

At Kowloon before Mr. Q. A. A. Mac-fedyen this morning, Lo Yau, 38, Yan Kwai-chul, 33, Suh Kun, 33, and Li Tak-ming, 41, were charged with armed robbery.

A goldsmith, Yu Sau, was charged with receiving.

All were remanded.

HAWKER ARRESTED WITH REVOLVER

A 40-year-old hawker, Wong Cheuk, was remanded by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when charged with unlawful possession of one revolver and ammunition on April 20.

It was alleged that when defendant was searched in Centre Street, two derringers, a revolver and five rounds were found in his girdle.

Investigative Sergeant R. McVey is in charge of the case.

On February 21, an amah brought a letter written by the husband. In the letter, he mentioned that he had a friend in Yunnan who was anxious to send money to Hong Kong for his son's marriage but could not find any shop willing to transfer the money. The wife was instructed to pay \$300 to Lee Tai-Fong, brother of the bridegroom. To identify the brother, a photograph of the man was sent with instructions that the receiver must present a similar photograph before the money was paid. The letter roused no suspicion, and the next day a man came for the money. On February 24, complainant received another letter stating that his friend wanted to remit a further \$200 and that she was to pay \$500 if she had not already paid the \$300, or \$200 more if she had done so. This time, he said he was sending portion of a slip of paper which had been cut in two. The other portion was with his friend's people and on production of that piece, and after comparing them, she was to pay over the \$200.

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The woman then noticed that the writing did not appear to be that of her husband. She told other tenants of the floor and they decided to await events.

Mr. Williams said the evidence would show that the letter never passed through the Post Office and that the stamp chop was a forgery.

Next day, defendant arrived at the house and said he was the father of the sons mentioned in the letter and that they were unable to come. He told them what he had come for and they pushed him into a cubicle and called the police.

Sergeant Dowman who arrived searched the defendant and found the counter-part of the slip of paper.

Charged next day, defendant said that a man Chan San had met him at the Police Training School and had asked him to deliver the letter. He was to be given \$2 or \$3.

After defendant had been convicted, Mr. Williams said that nothing was known of defendant but, at the Magistracy, a woman had seen Sergeant Dowman and told him that she recognised defendant as the man who had obtained \$200 from her some time ago by means of a forged letter.

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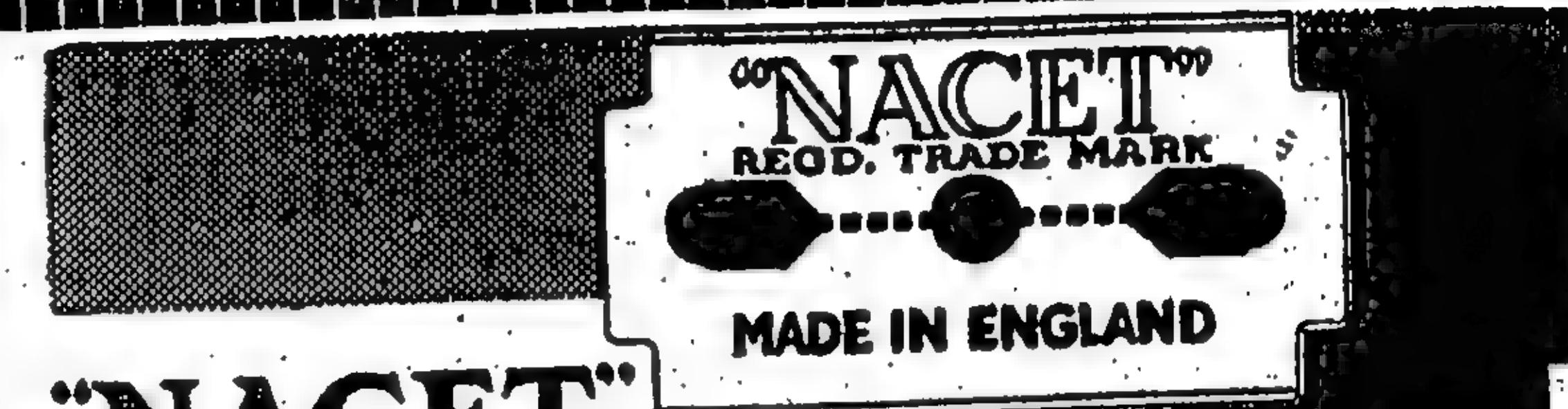
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R.A.F. MAKES LIFE UNPLEASANT FOR NAZI AIRMEN

London, To-day.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECONNAISSANCE flights in the Norwegian campaign was stressed by a Naval Observer in a broadcast talk last night. From the earliest days of military aviation, he said, the importance of reconnaissance by air and its effects on land and sea strategy must have been foreseen. During the last war, air reconnaissance came into its own at Jutland, where a single seaplane first reported the enemy. And, again, only the other day, it was from the air that enemy movements in Norwegian waters was detected.

Since then, the R.A.F. has flown many thousands of miles along the Norwegian coast. Photographs have been taken and scores of reports have come in from which much important information has been secured.

Then there have been the bombing raids, by night and day, on warships, aerodromes, transports and so on, carried out successfully despite the fact that there were 300 mile-journeys across the sea in either direction before and after the main part of the work was done.

STAVANGER RAIDS

The raids on Trondheim and Stavanger have had special significance, for there are few flat spaces in Norway, and the R.A.F. have tried to make such bases as there are unsuitable for German use for troop-carrying and other planes. Furthermore, these bases might well be used later for attacks on the British Isles.

The Nazis must have had a very unpleasant time at these aerodromes in the past few days. There is no doubt serious damage was done to railways, hangars, planes, landing-fields and so on.

Yesterday, came the news of the bombing of the base in Aalborg, Denmark; long-range fighters helped in the work by some fine low-flying machine-gun attacks.

INCREASING INTENSITY

The R.A.F. have met with opposition. But considering the extent of the operations and the large number of aeroplanes taking part, casualties have not been high. At the same time, the R.A.F. have taken heavy toll of many of the enemy.

There is also the question of aircraft troop carriers. Whether the Germans will be able to maintain and supply their troops, however, is an

KING HAAKON'S PROCLAMATION

SOMEWHERE IN NORWAY, YESTERDAY.

IN A PROCLAMATION ISSUED YESTERDAY, KING HAAKON SAID THAT NORWAY HAS ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT—THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTED BY THE KING AND WHICH HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT TO REMAIN IN OFFICE:

The "administrative council" in Oslo, says the proclamation, is only an emergency organisation and is no substitute for the Government of Norway.

Every Norwegian ought to feel confident that the King and Government are making all efforts to save the country from foreign rule of force and restore freedom and independence to Norway as soon as possible.—Reuter.

25,000 PLANES A YEAR

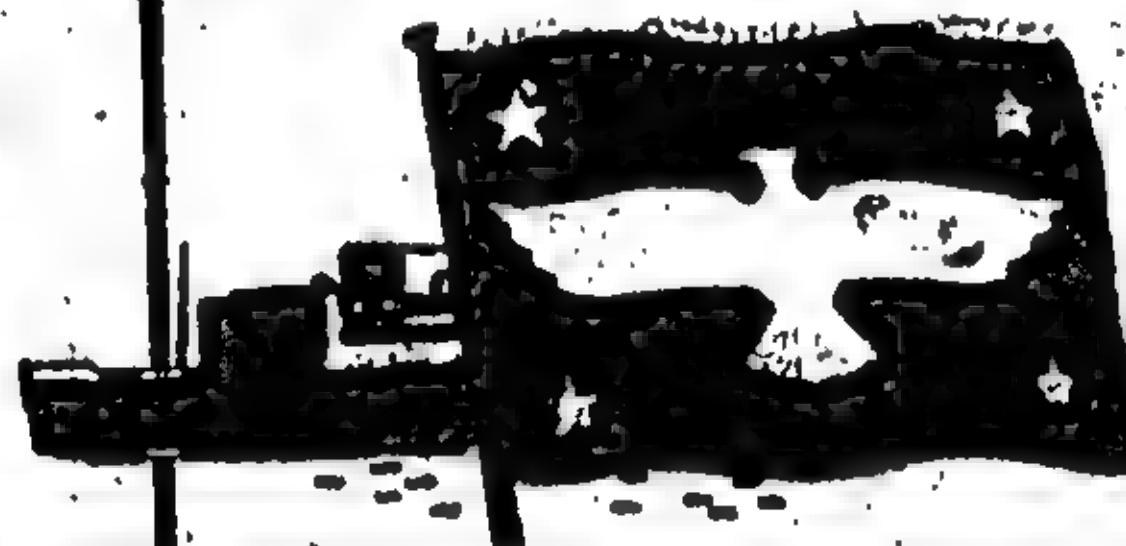
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, Yesterday.

By the end of this year the United States will have a producing capacity of 25,000 planes a year, Capt. John Towers, Chief of the Navy Department Bureau of Aeronautics, declared in a statement before the Senate naval affairs committee to-day.—Havas.

other matter. The campaign in Norway is being conducted with increasing intensity.—Reuter.

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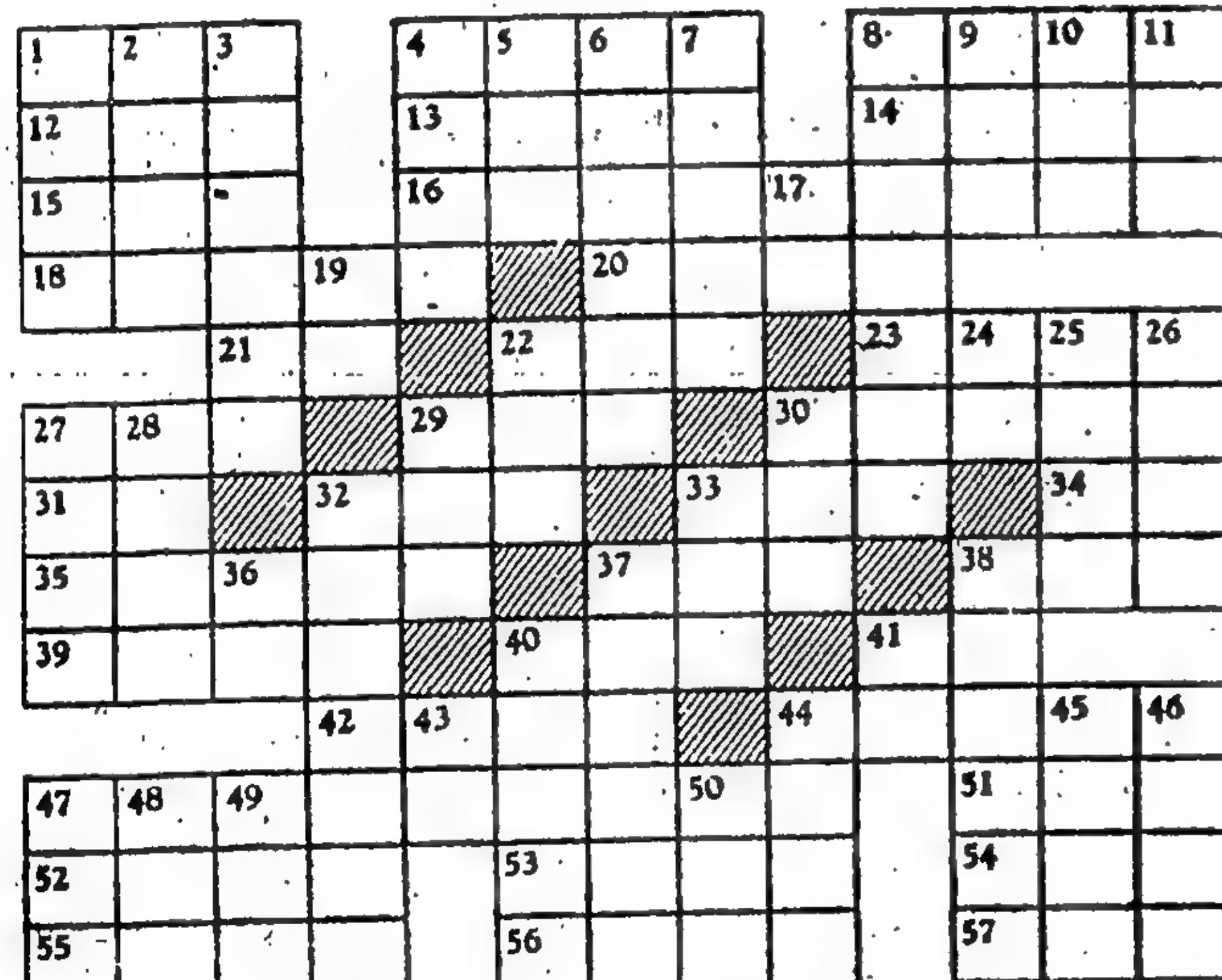
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- 4 Handle
- 8 Ancient ruler
- 12 Fish eggs
- 13 Beast
- 14 To clean
- 15 Electrical unit
- 16 List of investments
- 18 Out of order
- 20 Receptions
- 21 Indo-Chinese language
- 22 Foot-like part
- 23 Butter substitute
- 27 Split pulse
- 29 Music: three
- 30 To accumulate
- 31 Symbol for oilum
- 32 Kind of whip
- 33 Prior to
- 34 Parent
- 35 Forbidden
- 37 Kiwi
- 38 War god
- 39 Observed
- 40 Roman brogue
- 41 Land measure

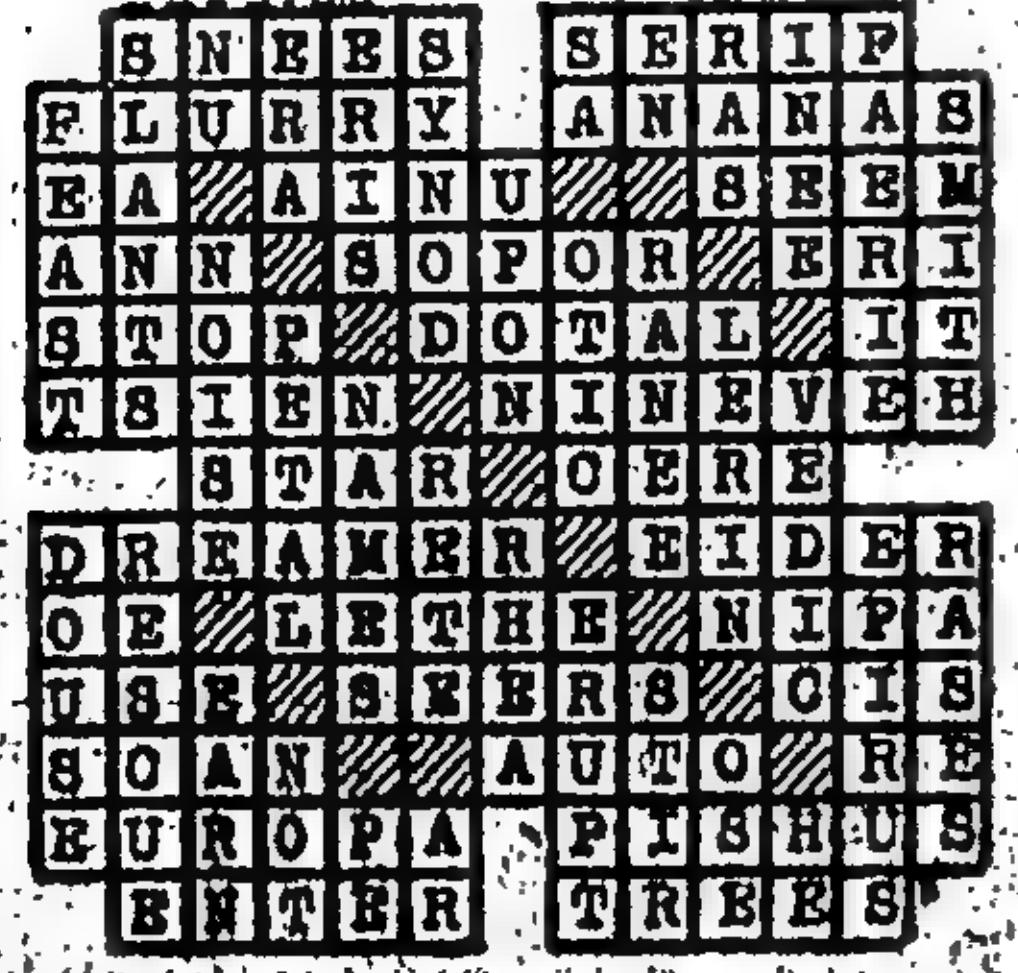
42 Wrong

- 44 Heat unit
- 47 Falcon
- 51 Nursery word
- 52 Sacred Egyptian bull
- 53 Solo
- 54 Spanish article
- 55 Outbreak
- 56 To vend
- 57 Greek letter

VERTICAL

- 1 Silkworm
- 2 To rise gradually
- 3 Servant
- 4 European mountain range
- 5 Island of the Cyclades
- 6 Classifier
- 7 Stakes
- 8 Comprising a pair
- 9 Sodium chloride
- 10 Edible mollusk
- 11 Greek letter
- 17 Note of scale
- 19 Therefore
- 22 To caress
- 24 Note of scale
- 25 To note
- 26 Ridges of sand
- 27 Besprinkles
- 28 Wings
- 29 Philippine peasant
- 30 Constellation
- 32 To oppose
- 33 Dawn goddess
- 36 To exist
- 37 To withdraw
- 38 Threefold
- 40 Tapestry
- 41 Exclamation
- 43 King of Bashan
- 44 River duck
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- 47 Equality
- 48 Slender India
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JAPANESE BUSINESS PROGRAMME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, YESTERDAY. PUTTING INTO EFFECT A PROGRAMME OF WIDE-SCALE TRANSFER OF JAPANESE BUSINESS TO MANCHUKUO, THE MANCHURIAN AFFAIRS BOARD HAS DECIDED TO TRANSFER 19 SMALL AND MIDDLE-SIZED CONCERN FROM JAPAN TO MANCHUKUO DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

Most of these firms manufacture iron and steel machine-tools.

After their transfer they will become sub-contractors to large manufacturing companies already established in Manchukuo.

The Japanese and Manchukuo Governments are sharing part of the expenses involved in the transfer. Manchukuo will further help the new settlers in securing loans and will help them to find outlets.

Several automobile concerns and automobile repairing firms will also cross over to Mukden, Hailar and other cities in Manchukuo.—Havas.

COMFORTS FOR TROOPS

Sir,—The enclosed is a copy of a letter received from the Officer in Charge, Army Comforts, Reading, with reference to an article that appeared recently in the papers regarding knitted woollen comfort for the Troops.

Yours faithfully,

A. W. RAYMOND.

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May I take this opportunity of thanking you for all your great help in the past, I hope we may look forward to receiving more of your valued consignments of Comforts."

NORTH LONDON ARMS FACTORY EXPLOSION ENQUIRY

London, To-day. The Court of Enquiry investigating the causes of explosion at the North London factory on Saturday continued its sittings yesterday. Its investigations are not yet complete.

The Court includes representatives of the workers at factory, the Ministry of Supply, the War Office and the Home Office.—British Wireless.

UNION WATERBOAT PROFITS

THE EFFECT OF THE WAR ON LOCAL SALES OF WATER TO SHIPS WAS MENTIONED BY MR. STANLEY H. DODWELL, CHAIRMAN, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING TO-DAY OF THE UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LTD.

Mr. Dodwell, who was supported by Messrs. A. L. Shields, H. V. Wilkinson, and Y. Yazima, directors, and Mr. A. C. I. Bowker, secretary, said:

Water sales are 5,898 tons less than in 1938, and this is due to the outbreak of war, which has resulted in fewer ships making use of this port. Up to the end of August our average daily sales were higher than the previous year.

The profit on working is \$61,644.52, some \$2,100 above the figure shown for 1938. This is offset by a decrease in the interest account of about \$1,950, and dividends on investment of about \$700, giving us a nett decrease of \$540.23 as compared with the previous year. You will observe a big increase in the depreciation figure shown, which is higher by some \$7,200 than last year. Our auditors have revised the schedule, and the entire fleet has now been depreciated on the basis of 4%, whereas previously waterboats Nos. 7 and 9 were depreciated on the basis of 2½%. This gives us a difference of \$2,600, and the new waterboat No. 4 is responsible for the balance of \$4,600.

After making allowance for depreciation on waterboats, launch and furniture, the net profit for the year under review is \$41,663.54 to which has to be added \$2,084.65 brought forward from last account, leaving for appropriation the sum of \$43,748.19, with which it is proposed to deal as follows:

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In view of the heavy increase in the cost of coal, and the much better performance of motor driven vessels, as opposed to steam vessels, we have decided to substitute a Diesel engine for the steam engine in our No. 9 waterboat, and also to install a new pumping set capable of delivering water at the rate of 200 tons per hour, bringing the pumping capacity of this boat in line with our No. 2, 3 and 4 waterboats.

The report and accounts, as presented, were adopted unanimously.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR A. C. HADDON

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Alfred Cort Haddon, of Christ's College, Cambridge, the famous ethnologist.

He is famous for his work in connection with anthropological research in Torres Straits, Borneo and Sarawak.—Reuter.

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CRICKET

Recreio Lost Championship But Improved Somewhat

E.L. Gosano And H.L. Ozorio Not So Successful

UNIVERSITY HAVE A POOR SEASON

(By "ADREM")

CLUB DE RECREIO, although they lost the senior cricket championship to Kowloon Cricket Club, have no reason to be dissatisfied with their performances in the League season just concluded.

If anything their form was even more impressive than it was last season and their comparative lack of success can only be attributed to the fact that local batsmen had become used to that devastating bowling combination of E. L. Gosano and H. L. Ozorio.

In the field Recreio more than maintained their standard and in this connection special mention must be made of the brilliant work accomplished by J. M. Gosano, who gained for himself the reputation of being the finest cover-point in the Colony.

The introduction of the three younger Gosanos, L.G., J.M. and G.N., lent backbone to the batting, the big advance of the former being recognised in his selection for The Rest against the Champions.

W. A. Reed, who heads the batting averages, showed fine defensive powers, as did Nick Beltrao, who also rendered sterling service behind the sticks, catching four, stumping two and only conceding 22 extras in six matches.

Recreio's highest score was against I.R.C., when they compiled 170 for 6 dec., and their lowest was against Craigengower, at whose hands they suffered their only League defeat in two seasons.

So accurate was Recreio's bowling, and keen their fielding that their opponents only managed to average 9.44 per wicket.

RECORD OF MATCHES

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
6	3	1	2	11

RESULTS OF MATCHES

Recreio	-142	for	7	beat Army	185	by 8 wkt.
"	170	for	6 dec.	drew with	I.R.C.	93 for 7.
"	149	for	9 dec.	beat C.S.C.C.	58	by 91 runs.
"	70	lost to	Craigengower	86	by 16 runs.	
"	180	for	7 dec.	drew with	K.C.C.	58 for 8.
"	89	beat University	63	by 36 runs.		
"	Recreio	scored	780	runs for	49 wickets	giving an average of 15.82 per wicket against
"						their opponents' 491 runs for 52 wickets; an
"						average of 9.44 per wicket.

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BATTING				
	N.	O.	R.	S. Avg.
W. A. Reed	4	2	78	49*
L. G. Gosano	6	0	144	72
N. Beltrao	6	3	60	29*
E. L. Gosano	6	0	107	47
N. Gosano	5	0	77	27
A. P. Pereira	3	1	23	16*
P. M. N. da Silva	5	1	42	22
J. Gosano	5	0	50	20

BOWLING				
	Inns.	O.	M.	R. W. Avg.
G. Hong Choy	3	15.3	1	102 9. 11.33
R. Singh	4	13	0	122 7 17.43
W. S. Gegg	5	45	11	212 10 21.20
S. Mahmoud	6	43.4	5	231 9 25.87
C. N. Matthews	3	9	0	95 3 31.07

Following also bowled:—Lo Tak-cheong (9—0—68—1), K. Y. Tam (2—0—19—1).

Following held catches:—S. Mahmoud (3), W. S. Gegg (2), G. Hong Choy (2), Chin Thian-slow (2), N. C. Sen Gupta (2), K. Y. Tam, N. Singh, J. Fenton.

Sen Gupta also stump one. He conceded 60 extras in six matches.

BOWLING				
	Inns.	O.	M.	R. W. Avg.
L. G. Gosano	4	12.4	3	34 6 5.67
A. P. Pereira	4	14.4	3	51 6 8.80
H. L. Ozorio	6	68.2	16	174 19 9.16
E. L. Gosano	6	62	11	190 16 11.87

Following also bowled:—E. M. L. Soares (1—1—0—0).

Following held catches:—L. G. Gosano (6), J. Gosano (4), N. Beltrao (4), Q. N. Gosano (3), H. L. Ozorio (2), A. P. Pereira (2), P. M. N. da Silva (2), E. M. L. Soares, A. M. Rodrigues, W. A. Reed and M. A. Remedios.

N. Beltrao also stump one. He conceded 22 extras in six matches.

VARSITY NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL

University, pluckily returning to Senior Division after an absence of some years, did not have a very successful season and only managed to secure one point from their six matches.

Both their batting and bowling was weak, V. Lingam heading the former with an average of only 14.33, and G. Hong Choy leading the bowlers with 11.33, for nine wickets, next best being R. Singh with an average of 17.43!

University batsmen could only average 8.91 per wicket, while their opponents had 22.12 per wicket. On only one occasion was the 100 passed in a League match—against Civil Service from whom they secured their solitary point.

Probably the performance with which they have most reason to be satisfied was the dismissal of the powerful Recreio team for only 99, one of the two occasions that the Portuguese team failed to top the century.

RECORD OF MATCHES

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
6	0	5	1	1

RESULTS OF MATCHES

University	-59	lost to	I.R.C.	132	for	4	by	9 wickets.
"	57	lost to	K.C.C.	178	for	3 dec.	by	121 runs.
"	67	lost to	C.S.C.C.	175	for	8 dec.	by	108 runs.
"	79	lost to	Army	177	for	9 dec.	by	98 runs.
"	174	for	6 dec.	drew with	C.S.C.C.	146	for	7.
"	63	lost to	Recreio	29	by	36 runs.		

University scored 499 runs for 59 wickets, giving an average of 8.91 per wicket, against their opponents' 907 runs for 41 wickets, an average of 22.12 per wicket.

BATTING

N.	O.	R.	S. Avg.
V. Lingam	4	1	43 18* 14.33
Chin Thian-slow	4	1	43 20* 14.33
C. N. Matthews	6	0	84 27 14.00
W. S. Gegg	5	1	49 44* 12.20

Following also batted:—K. Y. Tam (3, 1, 1, 8, 11), G. Hong Choy (21, 4, 5, 2), J. Tsui (4, 0, 9), K. S. Oh (2, 1, 10, 15, 8, 0), N. C. Sen Gupta (0, 0, 8, 0, 22, 7), N. Singh (0, 18), B. Singh (0, 0, 0, 0), S. Mahmoud (0, 0, 0, 0, 4), V. Lingam (1), Lo Tak-cheong (7), J. Fenton (0), Tang Hung-lak (0), Teoh Tiaw-see (0), C. W. Hooi (4, 0*), L. H. Tan (0), O. V. Cheung (7).

R.A.F. LOSE TWO BATTLES

Paris, To-day. — The French Air Force beat the Royal Air Force by three clear goals in a soccer match yesterday, and followed this up with a 32-14 Rugby victory.—Reuter.

HOCKEY

POLICE DO WELL IN MACAO

Hong Kong Police did very well in their annual hockey match with Macao Hockey Club, played at Macao yesterday, and shared two goals, after being led for the greater part of the encounter.

A fair crowd saw Macao take an early lead through their inside-left about 10 minutes after the start. The ground was rather bumpy and Police were unable to settle down in the first half, when Macao had most of the play. In the second half, however, they more than held their own and, in the last five minutes, their efforts were rewarded when Jasbir Singh, the centre-forward, found the net to equalise.

The Police team returned on the 3 a.m. steamer to-day. The following made the trip:

Balwant Singh (B739); Man Singh (B611) and Blackbourne; Leslie, Mehar Singh (B803) and Brown; Teja Singh (B799), Wall, Jasbir Singh (B293), Parker and Narwant Singh (B431).

Reserves:—B618 and B560; Referee Rothwell and manager A. S. P. Luscombe.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is the tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club for to-day:—

Open Doubles Semi-Final

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v J. Gon-salves and A. V. Remedios (Stand Court).

Single Handicap Semi-Final

A. H. Barwell (—1/8) v C. H. R. Hyde (—30) (8).

Doubles Handicap Semi-Final

C. D. N. Walker and E. L. Taverner (scratch) v B. O'M. Deane and N. Spence (—4/8) (4).

Mixed Doubles Handicap Semi-Final

V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph (scratch) v. T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15) (3).

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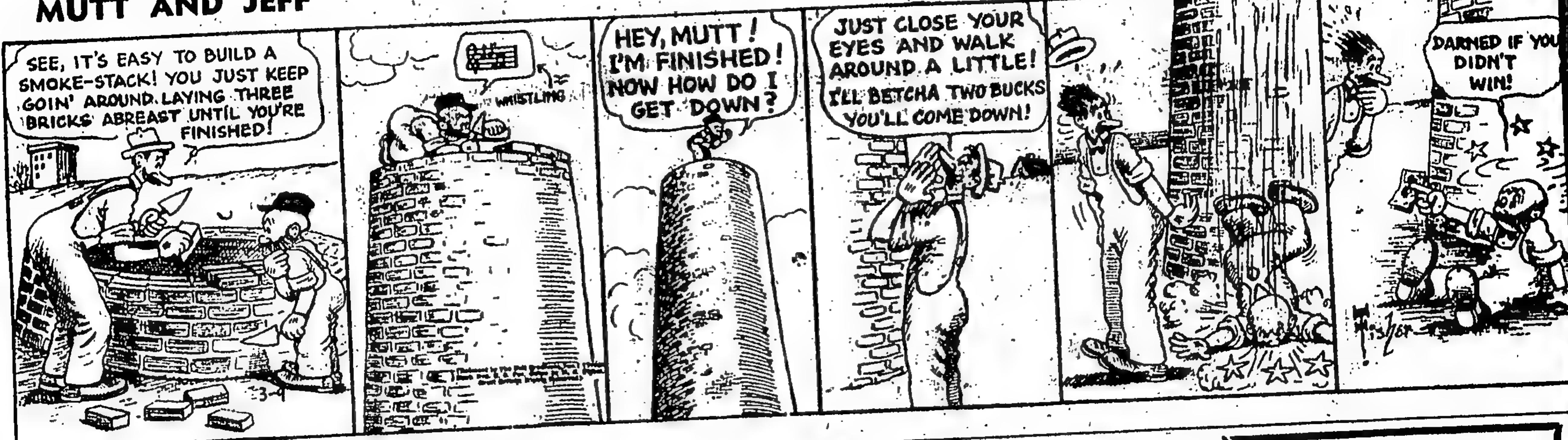
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Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-wow (Trubrarr)...The Maestros (Vocal) Quintette with Piano.
Wedding of the Painted Doll (film 'Broadway Melody')...Leslie James (Organ).
Studio—Story by Aunt Susan.
The Little Silkwoman (from 'First a Girl')...Jessie Matthews (Vocal) with Orch.
Here Comes the Sandman (film 'Mr. Dodd takes the Air')...Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Sweet and Low (Barnby)...Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Piano & Organ.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Bizet—Symphony No. 1 in C Minor. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.
7.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "Nijinsky, the Genius of the Russian Ballet". Illustrated by records.

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8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music and Variety.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Under Nazi Rule".
9.45 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
"Dorothy"—Selection (Collie).
Selection of Wilfred Sanderson's Songs.
Intro: Drake goes West; My dear Soul.

Captain Mac; The Company Sergeant Major; Friend o' mine; Up from Somerset; Until.
10.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — "The Ogboddy's Outing". A Sketch.
10.17 p.m.—At Bellington at the Organi Bell Medley. Intro: Bells across the Meadow; Monastery Bells; Voice of the Bells; Fire Bell; Legend of the Bells; The Bells of St. Mary's...with Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
Medley of Serenades. Intro: Serenade "Frasquita" (Lehar); Serenade (Hey-

kons); Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (Toselli); Second Serenade (Heykens); Serenade ("Student Prince"—Romberg).
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—They Can't Take That Away from Me (film 'Shall we Dance'); Let's Call The Whole Thing Off (film 'Shall we Dance').
Waltz—No More (C. B. Cochran's Revue 'Home & Beauty').
Fox-Trots—Sing Something In The Morning (from 'Home & Beauty'); Where Are You? (film 'Top of the Town'); Carelessly.
Waltz—A Beautiful Lady In Blue.
Fox-Trots—Moon for Sale; On the Trail Where The Sun Hangs Low; What Will I Tell My Heart.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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A HOLD-UP

There are so many types of hold-up plays that a resourceful Declarer can always invent one as the necessity arises. The average player knows that in playing a notrump hand it is proper to hold up his Ace for two or three rounds until the opponent to his right no longer has any cards in the suit. But his knowledge may not go beyond this very elementary play. Here is a Slam that was lost because Declarer failed to make a rather simple hold-up play.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable.

2	♦ A 8	♦ K 7 6 4 3	♦ 9 8 7 6 5
♦ K Q J 9 8	♦ 10 7 3	♦ 10 9 8 2	♦ Q J 10 4
♦ Q J 5	♦ 8 2	♦ A K Q J 10 7 3	♦ 5 4 3
♦ A	♦ A K		

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

West opened the King of hearts. South won with dummy's Ace and returned a heart, hoping to ruff the third round in dummy. However, his unkind opponents led a trump and Declarer eventually had to lose another heart trick.

South could have fulfilled his contract by simply allowing West to win the first trick. Then if West played a

high card values of the fourace system

ACE 13
KING 12
QUEEN 11
JACK 10

TOTAL POINTS FOR EACH SUIT

Saturday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♦ K x x	♥ A K x x	♦ Q 10 x	♣ A x x
♦ A x x	♥ Q 10 x	♦ K x x	♣ Q x x
♦ Q x x	♦ A x x	♦ Q x x	♣ A x x
♦ Q x x	♦ Q x x	♦ Q x x	♣ Q x x

The bidding:
You Mater Burnstone Jacoby
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid two notrump. The Spade King, which has been added to the previous day's hand, now makes this strong rebid correct.

Score 100% for two notrump, 50% for three notrump (an overbid), 30% for three diamonds (not sufficiently encouraging), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 890

Oswald Jacoby is your partner. Both sides are vulnerable and you hold:

♦ J x x	♥ A Q 9 x x x	♦ Q x x
♦ Q x x	♦ A Q 9 x x x	♦ Q x x
♦ Q x x	♦ Q x x	♦ Q x x

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby Mater You
3 ♠ Dbl. Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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EASTERN'S
FIRST DEFEAT
IN MANILA

Manila, To-day.
The touring Eastern soccer team met with their first defeat in Manila yesterday when they went down to Y.C.O. by a solitary goal.

Thirteen-thousand spectators watched an exciting game in which the home goalie brought off at least three miraculous saves.

Opening minutes of the game were slow, but after Alec Boissiere opened the scoring for Y.C.O. the visitors attacked vigorously but without avail. Lee Tack-kee twice sent in which appeared to be certain goals but on both occasions the home goalie cleared.

The second half was scoreless. Eastern will play their final game this evening against a combined Y.C.O. and La Salle team and they are returning to Hong Kong by Clipper tomorrow. Reuter.

GOLF RESULTS

Following are the results of golf matches played over the week-end on Royal Hong Kong Golf Club courses: Stableford Competition on the Fanling Old Course was won by W. H. Jowitt with $26+14=40$. There were 28 entries.

At Happy Valley, Hugh Smith beat W. W. C. Shewan by 2 and 1; and F. Buckle beat G. E. Willerton 2 and 1 in the semi-final of the Adamson Cup.

YACHTING RESULTS

The following is the result of the first Corinthian cruisers race held by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday:

	Finished Corrd. Pos.
Tyrone	4.08.11 2.42.21 1
(B. Herschend)	
Tern	4.05.06 2.55.46 2
(J. L. Anderson)	
Treenlaur	4.31.09 3.00.00 3
(Major C. R. Tamplier)	
Noreena	3.00.12 4
(P. C. M. Sedgwick)	
Highwayman	4.16.13 3.01.05 5
(Capt. I. D. K. MacRae)	
Evolene	4.08.00 3.04.22 6
(Major G. R. Way)	
Tai Wan Shan	4.08.14 3.06.56 7
(Major J. E. Dobbs)	
Yehonala	3.28.59 3.07.03 7
(Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson)	
U. and I.	3.59.13 3.11.14 9
(P. E. McCabe)	
Dorinda	3.40.56 3.12.32 10
(E. Cock)	
Curlew	4.41.36 3.17.58 11
(R. Clarke)	
La Cigale I	3.21.55 3.21.55 12
(N. V. A. Croucher)	
Tolo	3.21.43 3.38.40 13
(H. Dreyer)	

SOFTBALL RESULTS

The following were the results of League Softball matches played yesterday:

LADIES' LEAGUE	MEN'S LEAGUE
Canadian Chinese 30 Recrelo	3
Recrelo "A"	7 Recrelo "B" 4
These two fixtures complete the League programme and the Canadian Chinese and Recrelo have won the Championships of the ladies and men's leagues, respectively.	

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Lee Kwok-Wai And Bright Play Well In Rest Defence

Yesterday's Game Fitting Conclusion To Season

ROBINSON SAVES PENALTY FROM LEE WAI-TONG

(BY "REFEREE")

BOTH FROM THE FOOTBALLERS' and spectators' points of view, the exhibition game between the Senior Division champions, South China "A," and a Rest team was one of the most interesting and cleanly-fought games this season.

With the exception of Guy and Fox, both Second Division players, the majority of the players chosen for the Saigon trip were on view and gave creditable performances.

Both teams were as advertised—for the first time this season—and the game was very ably controlled by K. K. Ip.

While all the players did their share it was Lee Kwok-wai and Bright who caught the eye in the Rest defence. Lee played a sound game and seldom came out second best in his tussles with the opposing forwards, while Bright did well in the centre half berth.

Roughley was also good at back while the halves played a sound game, Maxwell and Forrow doing well against the speedy Chinese wingers.

THE FORWARDS

In the forward line, Fowler, with his bustling methods, was always a

danger but the Chinese did not allow him much time to get the ball under control and, though he went near on several occasions, rarely had a clear shot. Pryde and Pereira proved that lack of weight is no handicap and both played well though the latter could have used his winger more.

Wong King-chung and Hossack sent over good centres, Hossack being particularly dangerous in the first period.

Tam Kwan-kon in goal gave a sound display for Chinese and brought off several good saves, while Lee and Mak rendered their usual support. Lau Tau-man played a good game at left half and his hard clearances relieved pressure often.

Nothing more can be usefully said of the Chinese forward line. They played their usual game and indulged in their usual play.

After a goalless first half in which both goals were narrowly missed, Robinson saved a penalty kick from Lee Wai-tong but the latter player made amends for this when he scored soon after. The Chinese went further ahead through Lai Shui-wing but Rest reduced the score through Pereira before the final whistle.

At the conclusion of the game the trophies and medals were distributed to the winners and runners-up of the three divisions of the League by Mrs. M. K. Lo, wife of Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, a vice president of the Football Association.

South China "A":—Tam: Kwan-kon; Mak Shiu-hon, Lee Tin-sang; Sung Ling-sing, Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Tau-man; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wal-ton, Lai Shui-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

Rest:—Robinson, Roughley, Lee, Kwok; Maxwell, Bright, Forrow; Hossack, Pryde, Fowler, Pereira and Wong King-cheung.

NOTE.—Only one entry will be made for the "Nam Wan Handicap" (Races 2 and 4). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

3rd Race—4.00 p.m.—"Ma Kok Handicap"

(First Section). For China Ponies classified by the Club as "Y" Class. Winners of this year, barred.

Weight 150 lbs, 2-lb. penalty for every \$50 or part thereof won in stakes since 1st January, 1940. Jockey allowance. Winner \$150, Second \$100, Third \$75. Entry Fee \$5. One Mile.

2nd Race—3.30 p.m.—"Nam Wan Handicap" (First Section). A Handicap for China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" Class at date of entry. Jockey Allowances. Winner \$200, Second \$125, Third \$100. Entry Fee \$5. Six Furlongs.

NOTE.—Only one entry will be made for the "Nam Wan Handicap" (Races 2 and 4).

Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

4th Race—4.30 p.m.—"Nam Wan Handicap" (Second Section).

(See Race No. 2)

5th Race—5.00 p.m.—"Ma Kok Handicap" (Second Section).

(See Race No. 3)

6th Race—5.30 p.m. "Wanchai Stakes." For China Ponies classified by the Club as "X" and "Y" Classes. Weight 150 lbs, 2-lb. penalty for every \$50 or part thereof won in stakes since 1st January, 1940. Jockey Allowance. Winner \$150, Second \$100, Third \$75. Entry Fee \$5. One Mile.

Starters must be declared on the forms provided in the weighing room before 2.15 o'clock for the first race and for all subsequent races 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

Entries close to the Secretaries, Messrs. T. A. Martin and Co., Prince's Building, on Thursday, 24th April, 1940 at Noon.

Ponies will be transported to Macao on Friday the 3rd May, returned on Monday, 6th May, and kept at Macao without charge.

HONOURS LIST

Following are the winners of the football competitions this season:

FIRST DIVISION

Winners:—South China "A".

SECOND DIVISION

Winners:—South China.

THIRD DIVISION

Winners:—24th, R.A.

SENIOR SHIELD

Winners:—Eastern.

JUNIOR SHIELD

Winners:—30th R.A.

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Winners:—Chinese Federation.

Runners-up:—Football Association.

LAI WAH CUP

Winners:—Combined Chinese.

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v Shanghai won by Shanghai.

v Saigon won by Hong Kong.

v Macao won by Hong Kong.

STAKES WINNERS TO DATE

FOLLOWING are the stakes winners to date, giving the owner's name in brackets.

CHINA PONIES

Burford (Quartermaster)	5,601
Satinlight (Clare)	5,176
Spicylight (Clare)	2,250
Craigavon (Mrs. Taggart)	2,218
Confusion Bay (L. Dunbar)	2,157
Guinness Time (H. Leigh)	1,930
Mount Hope Bay (L. Dunbar)	1,850
Dupont Bay (L. Dunbar)	1,850
Clember (Marber I)	1,750
Racylight (Clare)	1,700
O-Lan (T.K.L.)	1,700
White Diamond (Diamonds)	1,650
Jober (Marber)	1,650
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,527
King Kong (Cocca)	1,450
Hortrush (Dr. Lee Shiu Kee)	1,400
Jennifer (Quartermaster)	1,350
Possible (Tang Man Wa)	1,300
Wilber (Marber I)	1,300
Rose Evelyn (Eu Tong-sen)	1,250
Celtic Star (S.L.K.)	1,250
Galveston Bay (L. Dunbar; Zylch)	1,250
Chatterbox (Manetta)	1,250
Bear Claw (Mrs. Dunbar)	1,250
Phoenix (Unicorn)	1,200
Johnber (Marber I)	1,150
Boolab Bay (S. W. Lee)	1,100
Gretber (Marber)	1,100
Peaceful View (Lan)	1,000
Distinctive Time (Li Po-chun)	1,000
Strathbannock (J. F. Macgregor)	1,050
Hopeful Star (Kong Bros.)	1,050
Onagh (T.K.L.)	1,000
Navylight (Clare)	950
Bressay (T. & E.)	950
Lancashire Lass (Yick Chim)	950
This Time (Li Po-chun)	950
Clowner (J. G. Whittaker)	925
Advancing Time (H. & W.; Lee Chin-chop)	900
Smiling Time (Miss Li Po-chun)	900
Humdrum Eve (Lan)	850
Velvets (Helenside)	800
Some Time (Lucky)	800
Tamia Bay (Iron)	750
Musketeer (Fangs)	750
Eve of Heaven (Eve)	750
National Star (Cal)	750
Honey (Sunnyside)	750
Willynilly (L. Lee)	750
Palmer (Miss Fearon)	750

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GUNNERS WIN TITLE

The deciding game for Third division hours, between 24th R.A. and Royal Army Service Corps, was won by the latter and provided some exciting and interesting football featured by the splendid rally of Service Corps in wiping off a two goal deficit in the last 10 minutes and causing extra time to be played.

In the extra period the Gunners were the better team and scored twice in the first half through Atkins to win the title by 4 goals to 2.

24th Royal Artillery were the first to score through Atkins shortly after the start though the Service Corps had till then the better of the play. Gunners increased the lead in the second period but Service Corps reduced the lead through Logan from a well placed corner, and shortly after equalised.

BOWLS SINGLES TOURNEY UNDER WAY

The first match in the first round of the Second Singles Handicap Indoor Bowling Tournament was played off on Friday, when L/Cpl. D. Hall, Royal Signals (plus 33) beat Sergeant C. E. Shipp, R. E. (plus 36) by 121 points.



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GILLIES AND WONG FAVOURED FOR TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON SINGLES FINALS

(BY "ADREM")

A LARGE CROWD of badminton enthusiasts are expected at Club de Recreio this evening for the singles finals of the Colony championships.

The programme will start at 8.30 p.m. with the junior final in which Norman Smith will be opposed to W. Gillies. In the early stages of the tournament it was expected that Smith would win easily, but now having regard to the fast and skilful play and his great physical fitness, the game is more open.

Smith is probably the better equipped player and is very fast but personally I am of the opinion that Gil-

lies will win, provided he settles down quickly and is not overawed by the importance of the occasion.

In the senior final, C. Au will meet former holder Patrick H. Wong. Au has given a convincing display in recent weeks, Henry Eardley in the semi-final that he can be expected to thoroughly extend Wong this evening. Wong, however, is probably the cleverest player in the Colony and being the stronger of the two men, should win.

STAKES

(Continued from Page 17)
 Blue Diamond (Hung)
 Gay Star (Kong Bros.)
 Emergency Call (Kia Ora)
 Fel Ying (H. & H.)
 Red Feather (Miss Li Po-chun)
 Just In Time (Li Po-chun)
 March Brown (Braces)
 Lilliber (Marber)
 Sylvandale (A.H.P.)
 Avon (V. M. Grayburn)
 Rose Erdily (Eu Tong Sen)
 West Lake (S. W. Lee)
 Rose-Queen (Billy)
 Double Chance (M.H.T.)
 Soldier of Britain (Li Shiu-pang)
 Eve of Folly (Eve)
 Oak Bay (Mrs. Stanton)
 Night View (Lan)
 Gog (Mrs. B. Hall)
 Galaxy (L. B. & Co.)
 Lucky Eleven (L.T.F.)
 Radium Star (C.N.K.)
 Hughber (Marber I)

WINNERS TO DATE

Scenic View (Lan)	700
Ascot Vale (Eu Tong-sen)	600
Ronson (Eu Tong-sen)	600
Gordie (G. W. Sewell)	600
For All Time (Li Po-chun)	600
Expansion Time (Li Po-chun)	600
Potentate (Eu Tong-sen)	600
Eve of Reason (Eve)	600
Heddon (Birds)	550
Salvage Master (Wong Sui Ngau)	525
Arabian Cat (Kia Ora)	500
Rose Jane (Eu Tong Sen)	500
The Tigress (Sunnyside)	500
Laughing Girl (Fans)	400
AUSTRALIAN PONIES	400
Far View (Lan)	300
Sapper (Mrs. A. E. Grasett)	300
Baffin Bay (L. Dunbar; Zylch)	300
Amicus Curiae (Lee Bros.)	300
Ascot Day (Dr. S. N. Chau)	300
Lucky Lady (Lucky)	300
Australian Diamond (Diamonds)	300

Melody Star (S.M.K.)	300
Contact (Ellandee)	300
Murrumbidgee (Gredka)	300
Sparrow (Yly)	250
Viceroy (Vilaja)	250
Albury (Mrs. Eu Tong-sen)	250
Sydney Lad (Lucky)	250
Many Thanks (L. Reidy)	200
Twilight Star (C.W.K.)	200
Flying Dutchman (Neerlandia)	200
Lucky Lad (Lucky)	200
Happy Landings (Ellandee)	200
Franklin (Huo)	200
Vanity Fair (Choice)	200
Sea Jay (S. T. Williamson)	200
A Roaring Time (Li Shiu-hang)	200
Connieber (Marber I)	1,400
Fair Chance (Weetoo)	1,400
Devonian (Lady Northcote)	1,300
Tornado Star (C.W.K.)	1,250
Lancashire Chips (Mrs. Taggart)	1,250
Ruby Star (E.S.K.)	1,200
Ajax (L.T.F.)	1,200
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Criffel (John Peel)	1,200
Heinz (Mrs. Stanton)	1,200
Australian Prince (Yarn Man)	1,200
Perola d'Oriente (H. Y. Liang)	1,200
A Great Time (Li Shiu-hang & Fal)	1,200
Piccadilly Jim (Winner)	1,200
Roofly (Ellandee)	1,200
Busylight (Clre)	1,200
Chiltern (Mrs. Eu Tong-sen)	1,200
Double Finesse (S. W. Lee)	1,200
Annabella (Cocoa)	1,200
Maple Star (C.W.K.)	1,200
Triumphant Day (Chau Bros.)	1,200
Tarzan (P. M. Hoo)	1,200
Vixen Tor (G. Tinson)	1,200
Violet Queen (Cocoa)	1,200

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SOMETHING IN THE WIND

Rome, To-day.

It is revealed that the German Ambassador in Italy, von Mackensen, flew to Berlin yesterday by special plane at the urgent summons of Herr Hitler.—Reuter.

SWEEPING THE BRITISH MINEFIELD

Stockholm, To-day.

Reports have been received that whalers, adapted for mine-sweeping were seen yesterday morning apparently sweeping a lane in the British minefields, with an escort of aircraft overhead.

After they had finished the task, a convoy of two large destroyers and several merchant ships was seen coming from the south, steaming towards Norway.—Reuter.

NAZI THREAT IN OSLO

Stockholm, To-day.

General von Falkenhorst, Nazi Commander-in-Chief in Oslo, has issued

RUSSIA— PROTECTOR OF BALKANS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The renewed tendency of the Balkan States to look upon Russia as the Protector of all Slavs is the new preponderant factor in the Balkans, political circles here point out.

Hitherto the Balkan countries have turned towards Italy in order to counter-balance German influence. They now openly appeal to Soviet support, aiming to counteract both German and Italian influence.

This trend is particularly noticeable in the case of Yugoslavia.

The arrest of the former Premier, M. Stoyadinovitch, is a highly significant indication of Belgrade's desire for rapprochement with the Soviet, apart from the important despatch of a Yugoslav trade delegation to Moscow.

The German contention that Soviet-Yugoslav rapprochement is beneficial to Germany is discounted in Paris in view of the fact that Yugoslavia is at present engaged in the task of eradicating German influence.—Havas.

a proclamation stating:

"The German sword, with all its strength, will strike Norway unless resistance ceases."

Reports reaching here state that Norwegian chauffeurs were killed by the Germans who took over their vehicles.—Reuter.

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